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## Southwest Unity Day, Sat. July 19

The “Second Annual South West Unity Day” event is scheduled to take place on Sat., July 19, 2008, starting at 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, at 201 N St. S.W., the site of the King Greenleaf Community Center and Sports Field.

Volunteer officers are Chairperson: Mrs. Renee Cooke-Jackson, Co-Chairperson: Mr. Tony McCarty, Treasurer: Mr. Paul Taylor, Recording Secretary: Ms. Kimberly Douglass

“We are also looking for volunteers and committee members for the following committees: Activity, Entertainment, Finance, Food, Fundraising, Logistics, Seniors, Transportation, and Volunteers. Please



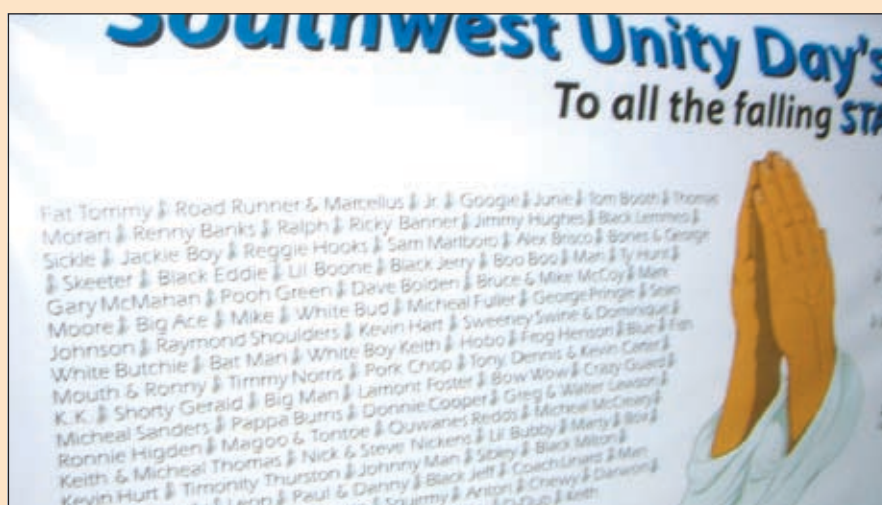
Part of crowd at 2007 SW Unity Day

volunteer and come out to the planning meetings. Contact - Mr. Paul Taylor (202) 340-4917 or email SWCommunityForum@yahoo.com

Volunteers are urged to attend planning meetings at the KGL Rec Center

every other Sat. at 2 pm – May 24, June 7, 21, July 5.

Volunteers have already earned several hundred dollars for the Unity Day at a car wash behind KGL Rec. Center, Saturdays at 11 am.



Above, part of Memory Board at 2007 SW Unity Day.

At left, 5 young ladies washing cars as follow: Tyniya Tapp, Tanya Tapp, Johnette Platt, Banae Graves, Dominique West., to raise funds for the July 19 SW Unity Day.

## Farewell For Bowen June 6

An all-day celebration at Anthony Bowen Elementary School, M St. & Delaware Ave. SW, will be held Fri. June 6 from, 10:30 am to 3:15 pm on the occasion of the closing of the school June 13

In the morning from 9 am to 10:15 am, the Bowen Pre-K through 4th grade classes will make a “Unity Walk” to Amidon School – the school they will be attending next the fall – for a joint assembly with Amidon students, and back. It is anticipated they will be accompanied by the Fort McNair “Old Guard” drum and fife group and brought back by the Coolidge HS Marching Band.

Past and present principals, teachers, volunteers, parents and students are invited for a brief recognition program from 10:30 am, to 11:15 am at Bowen.

Following the ceremonies will be a Fun Day celebration with the Arena Stage, Corcoran’s Artreach, and the Nationals joining in to help our SW community celebrate the unconditional support the school and staff have given to the children and families for all these years

There will be a Moon Bounce, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones, hot dogs for everyone

Call the school 724 -4871 for information. (See flier p. 11)

## SW Shuttle Bus Starting Soon

A shuttle bus service will start soon around the Waterside Mall area construction [where a direct path from M St. to I St. was formerly available]. Details will be posted on the website of SE Univ. www. Southeastern.edu, and other SW organizations.

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## DDOT Reports on Ballpark Traffic

The DC Dept. of Transportation is scheduling a meeting late in May.

## May 19 SWNA On Ballpark & Aging in SW

By Peter Atlee

On May 19, 2008 (please note change of date from usual 4<sup>th</sup> Monday meeting) the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will hold its monthly public meeting at 7:30 in the sanctuary of St. Augustine’s Church (6<sup>th</sup> St & M St SW). Greg McCarthy, Vice President of the Nationals will

lead a discussion. We have invited Dr. Clarence Brown from the DC Office of Aging to comment on SW’s Aging Population and even hope to see the Sassy Seniors. We have also invited a representative from Fort McNair and Tommy Wells’ education staffer to discuss other issues important to the Southwest community. We hope to see you there.





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Wed. May 21, 7:10 evening  
Fri. May 23, 7:35 evening  
Sat. May 24, 7:10 evening  
Sun. May 25 1:35 afternoon  
Mon May 26 1:35 afternoon  
Sat. May 31 school game  
Tues.- Sat. June 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 eve  
Sun. June 8 afternoon  
Mon. June 9 evening  
Fri., Sat. June 20-21 evening  
Sun. June 22 afternoon  
Mon.-Wed June 23, 24, 25 evening  
Fri., Sat. June 27, 28 eve  
Sun. June 29 afternoon

## May 30 Arena Stage Preview

Come to the **Arena Stage Season Preview at the Lincoln Theatre!** On May 30th at 7:30pm, Arena Stage will present a selection of scenes from next season's shows. **Maureen McGovern** will be there to sing two of her songs and you never know who else might turn up! After the show, enjoy a Taste of U Street and get samplings from the area's restaurants. The event is free, but reservations are required. To reserve your space, please call the Arena Stage Sales Office at (202) 488-3300.

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## Southwest Community Calendar May 19 - June 30, 2008

**MON. MAY 19**, SWNA Monthly public meeting, St. Augustine's Church, 6<sup>th</sup> & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

**TUES, MAY 20** and every Tues. till fall – Farmer's Market at 3<sup>rd</sup> & M St. SE, between the DOT buildings, 10 am – 2 pm

**WED. MAY 21** and every Wed. through July 2 – Twilight Tattoo military performance for the public, Ft. McNair, 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW & P St. SW, arrive at 6 pm for 7-8:30 pm performance.

**WED. MAY 21** AARP River Park, 1311 Delaware Ave., SW 12 noon lunch

**THURS. MAY 22** NARFE SW Library, K St. & Wesley Pl SW, 12:30 pm

**SAT.-MON. MAY 24-26** Memorial Day weekend holiday. DMV and other offices closed.

**WED. MAY 28** WASA public hearing on new water rates, SW Branch Library, K and Wesley Pl, SW, 6:30 pm

**THURS. MAY 29** Opera for Kids, Hansel & Gretel, SW Branch Library, K & Wesley Pl, SW, 10:30 am

**FRI. MAY 30** Arena Stage preview of new season, at Lincoln Theatre, 13<sup>th</sup> & U St. NW, 7:30 pm, Free.

**SAT. MAY 31** – Safe Sitters Class, River Park Community Room, 1311 Delaware Ave. SW,

**SAT. MAY 31** High School Baseball games at Nationals Park

**TUES. JUNE 3** Police Citizens Advisory Committee public meeting, 415 – 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW, 7 pm

**SAT. JUNE 7** Teen Summit

**SAT. JUNE 7** Yard Sale, 700 7<sup>th</sup> St. SW, 9 am – 4 pm

**MON. JUNE 9** Advisory Neighborhood commission 6D meeting open to the public, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 7 pm

**WED. JUNE 18** AARP luncheon, River Park, 1311 Delaware Ave SW, 12 noon

**THURS. JUNE 19** Police area 104 public meeting, Waterside Towers, 907 – 6<sup>th</sup> St. SW 7 pm

**SAT. JUNE 21** Flea Market, Christ United Methodist Church, on M St. SW at 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 1 pm

**SAT. JUNE 21** Third Sat. community breakfast, Christ United Methodist Church \$5, 9 am – 11 am

**MON. JUNE 23** Monthly public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA), St. Augustine's Church, Maine Ave. at 6<sup>th</sup> SW, 7:30 pm

**THURS. JUNE 27** NARFE, SW Library, K St. SW & Wesley Pl SW, 12:30 pm.

### WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

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**S.W. KIWANIS** – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS** – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

**LABYRINTH WALK** – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chai at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 3** pm– Practice GED test – free – takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

Please submit calendar items for March events to voice mail – 202-554-8560 or by email to [thesouthwester@yahoo.com](mailto:thesouthwester@yahoo.com) or by US mail to PO Box 70131 by Wednesday, June 4.

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## Comments on Water Bills Wed., May 28

At the SW Branch Library on K St. SW on Wed. May 28 at 6:30 pm public comments on the 8.5% increase in monthly water and sewer service bills will be listened to by officials of the DC Water and Sewer Authority (WASA).

WASA reads water meters and bills for the number of gallons used per month – on average \$55 per household - for the water charge and sewer charge combined.

WASA wants your comments, especially on a new charge starting in Apr. 2009 of about \$1.24 a month being added as a separate item called “Impervious surface area charge.” for the square footage of rooftops, driveways, patios and parking lots of your property. These surfaces are the cause of the excess runoff after a rain-storm that makes it necessary for WASA to build huge underground tunnels in DC to hold back the surge of rainwater and ease it gradually to the Blue Plains Treatment Plant without overflow directly into the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers.

This fall WASA will tell each property how many square feet of these non-porous surfaces they will be charged for. An appeal process will be set up for disagreements.

This is explained on [www.dcwasa.com](http://www.dcwasa.com). Click on Customer Care, Customer Information, Rates and read New – a separate monthly charge on April 2009 WASA bills.

Hearings for the public are being held throughout the city in May and again before the WASA Board on June 11 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm and June 23 from 10 am to noon, both times at 777 Mp. Capitol NE, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

### Public Meeting Schedule

WASA is introducing an Impervious Surface Area billing charge that separates from the current sewer rate the cost of a massive construction project to reduce sewer overflows into local waterways. This charge, appearing on WASA bills in April, 2009, is based on the impact that water runoff from individual properties has on the District’s sewer system. The actual charge is calculated on the amount of impervious area on the property. Impervious areas are man-made surfaces that cannot be easily penetrated by water such as rooftops, paved driveways, patios, and parking lots.

DC WASA is hosting community meetings to discuss the proposed rate adjustment to charges for water and sewer services in the District of Columbia. If approved by the DC WASA Board of Directors, the new rates will become effective April, 2009. *DC WASA wants to hear from you!* Please feel free to attend any of the following meetings:

Meeting	Where?	When?
General Meeting	Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 901 G Street, NW	Mon., May 19 6:30PM - 8:30PM
NE Quadrant Meeting	Washington Center for the Aging 2601 18th Street, NE	Tues., May 20 6:30PM - 8:30PM
NW Quadrant Meeting	Cleveland Park Library 3310 Connecticut Avenue, NW	Tues., May 27 6:30PM - 8:30PM
SW Quadrant Meeting	Southwest Neighborhood Library 900 Wesley Place, SW	Wed., May 28 6:30PM - 8:30PM
SE Quadrant Meeting	Anacostia Senior HS Auditorium 1601 16th Street, SE	Thurs, May 29 6:30PM - 8:30PM

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## Renovated Apts. at 1001 @ WATERFRONT

One of the two apartment buildings formerly known as Town Center East is now leasing renovated units under a new name, “1001 @ WATERFRONT.”

The available apartments in the north building include studios, junior one-bedrooms, one-bedrooms, executive one-bedrooms, and two bedrooms.

Although the address is 1001 3<sup>rd</sup> St., SW, the entrance to 1001 @ WATERFRONT is around the corner from 3<sup>rd</sup> St. on K St.

Sean Fleming, the new community manager at 1001 @ WATERFRONT, said he would welcome visits on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 3 pm and during the week by appointment (202-554-7820).

Additional information is available at [www.1001WATERFRONT.com](http://www.1001WATERFRONT.com).

The Town Center 2003 Tenants Association has worked with their developer for several years and expects the south building on the property to become the first tenant-sponsored condominium in Southwest Washington. They hope to move into their condo homes late summer 2009.

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(From a release from the US Army)

The United States Army's most popular outdoor ceremonial pageant opens in the D.C. area on May 7, 2008. This year's Twilight Tattoo will be held Wednesdays at historic Fort Lesley J. McNair, with pre-ceremony pageantry beginning at 7:15 p.m. on the following dates: May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 18, 25; and July 2.

Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long sunset military pageant that features Soldiers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) troop units and ceremonial units – The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and The U.S. Army Drill Team; The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The United States Army Chorus and The U.S. Army Band Downrange.

With more than 100 Old Guard Soldiers wearing Army uniforms of the past and present, a portion of our show is dedicated to providing a fast-paced travel through Army history, from Revolutionary times to your Army's involvement in current military operations. As a part of the Army's Operation Tribute to Freedom program, Twilight Tattoo represents more

than 1.5 million soldiers and department of the army civilians serving around the world in support of the Global War on Terrorism and the cause of freedom throughout the world.

The U.S. Army Military District of Washington is proud to bring you this show. Bring your family, your friends, your group, and your enthusiasm for our country to one of our performances. This program salutes not only the Soldiers who defend our country; it salutes you, the citizens and patriots we defend.

This performance is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information and group reservations, contact the U.S. Army Military District of Washington at (202) 685-2888, or visit our web site at [www.mdw.army.mil](http://www.mdw.army.mil). Interested media, please call 202-685-4645.

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# New Southwest Family Enhancement Center at 203 N SW

(Excerpts from a release from DC)

Ward VI Councilmember Tommy Wells has joined District of Columbia Housing Authority (DCHA) Chair Frank Smith and Executive Director Michael Kelly, Department of Employment Services (DOES) Director Summer Spencer, their partners, community representatives and Ward Six residents to celebrate the grand opening of the Southwest Family Enhancement Center.



Tommy Wells

"I hope this will put to rest the rumors of DCHA closing properties in this neighborhood," said DCHA Board Chair Frank Smith who welcomed attendees to the event. The new center, funded with an \$815,000 grant from DOES, will host a Transitional Employment Program (TEP).

The TEP is a subsidized (for-pay) job training program designed for individuals who have been either unemployed or underemployed for a period of time, and need to improve on their basic employment skills to enhance their chances of becoming gainfully employed. "I'm delighted that this new Family Enhancement Center is in my ward," said Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells.

"In Southwest DC, we're battling high unemployment



Dignitaries cut the ribbon for the new center at 203 N SW.

while surrounded by booming economic development. We can do better and this center will help more than 100 residents improve their quality of life."

The center will serve District residents referred by DOES and public housing residents from Greenleaf, James Creek and Syphax Gardens. The center will provide job training, basic computer skills training, GED Prep and other wrap-around services as well as provide leads for employment opportunities.

"This Family Enhancement Center is an excellent resource for this community," said DCHA Executive Director Michael Kelly. "The training and support our residents will receive here can bolster both their confidence and skill set allowing them to play a more active role in deciding their futures" This is the second Family Enhancement Center for DCHA, with the first being at Lincoln Heights & Richardson Dwellings in Northeast.

(Southwester Editor's Note: The training at Family Enhancement Centers is explained on the website of the DC Dept. of Employment Security (DOES) which is [www.does.dc.gov](http://www.does.dc.gov). Click on Job Seeking Services, and then click on Transitional Employment Program.



Michael Kelly

**SW'er Q:** Will this be called the 203 Job Center?

**DHA:** It will be known as the Southwest Family Enhancement Center. The program offers a 3-week job readiness training and up to 6 months of work experience as paid training.

The participant moves from subsidized training into unsubsidized permanent work as the end goal.

**SW'er Q:** Will Friendship House and South Washington West of the River Family Strengthening Collaborative or others with job readiness social service programs be able to refer clients?

**DHA:** Yes, for those that are in the public housing developments mentioned above. For now, we are in the early stages of identifying onsite drug treatment

## Q's by The Southwester, Answers by DHA:

counseling thru APRA. Eventually, we would like to offer 1<sup>st</sup> time home-buying classes, parenting classes and monthly father-hood workshops and seminars to name a few.

Most of the participants in the program are ex-offenders. We are in the process of hiring a Job Coach.

**SW'er Q:** The location is not visible from the street. We want to describe how people will get to the center from the bus stop on Delaware Ave. SW, or walking from Delaware and L St., for example. Shall we say, "Enter the driveway between 1200 Delaware senior housing and 203 N St. housing buildings, turn right on the sidewalk to 203

N St. SW, pass the guard, go outside again and in the entrance to the former recreation center, where the sign says SW Family Enhancement Center?" Or will the gate to the recreation field be open, so you can walk along the N St. sidewalk all the way from James Creek and enter that way?

**DHA:** The gate to the recreation center will NOT be open during the day. Therefore, your directions listed above are good. Or shall we say "call ahead of time and you will be met? Yes, if they call (202) 645-5277, someone will meet them in the front of the building.

**SW'er Q:** Can visitors park in the fenced-in lot for 203 N St. SW, or is that

reserved?

**DHA:** No, they can NOT park in this area – it is reserved for the residents – violators will be ticketed. How about behind the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center? **Ans.** No, this is the property of Parks & Rec and is reserved for their visitors.

**SW'er Q:** What telephone numbers and contact names should we list?

**DHA:** Cheryl Robinson (202) 645-5053.

**SW'er Q** When training is not going on, can the center be used for community meetings?

**DHA:** Yes, if interested, please call the Center.

## Jackie Alston, New Southwest Family Enhancement Center Graduate

By Rev. Ruth Hamilton

The second graduation ceremony at the SW Family Enhancement Center at 203 N St. SW took place at 10am on May 5. Among the 22 graduates was Jacqueline Alston, a long time 203 N St. SW resident, one of three graduates from SW.

Ms. Alston found out about the Center back in Dec. She said she just kept digging for information till she got on the list of trainees at the center

"The course encouraged me to focus on unifying myself in order to get better employment. So far it has worked," says Ms. Alston, who had been out of the workforce for some 20 years, sitting at

home and doing some volunteer work with elections, the Teamsters, and other odd jobs with stipends here and there.

At the same time that she enrolled in the Family Enhancement Center, she also took advantage of the Nationals Job Fair, urged on by Ms. Juanita Jones, outreach coordinator of the South Washington Collaborative. "She was a very good inspiration." Ms. Alston got a job as an usher at the ballpark.

"That job got me back on track. Now I'm getting paid and want a more beneficial job," says Ms. Alston.



Jacqueline Alston, graduate of the training program at the SW Family Enhancement Center, and Cheryl Robinson director of the program.

At the enhancement center she attended three weeks of classes from 9 - 4 Monday

through Friday. "They take you through the details [of finding and keeping a job]."

Cheryl Robinson, director of the center, reports that the 22 graduates have all been placed in work experience positions that started on May 6. Twelve of them are already interviewing for permanent jobs. Ms. Alston may be headed to work experience with the DC Office on Aging. She hopes other Southwesters will take advantage of the opportunity.

"A job just doesn't come to you. Sometimes you have to do things backward in order to go forward....[The center] makes people want to go back to work," Ms. Alston says.



# Ballpark News

## Metro Delays Affect Ball Games June 7-8

Metro construction at the Mt. Vernon/Convention Center station, which caused 45 minute delays for baseball fans on the May 9-11 Mothers Day weekend, will hit fans again for games on Sat and Sun., June 7 & 8.

Green line and Yellow line schedules for all travelers are being disrupted four weekends in a row starting May 9– skipping the May 23 to 26 Memorial Day weekend.

Ballpark fans on the June 7-8 weekend

are being invited to leave at the end of the seventh inning and catch a free shuttle bus from the Navy Yard entrance on New Jersey Ave. SE to the Blue and Orange lines or catch the N22 bus from the same location going to the Blue, Orange and Red lines.

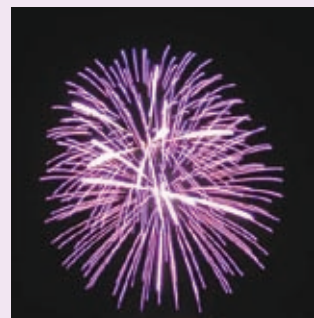
Metro's press release explaining this is at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com) – a release headed Weekend Mt. Vernon Square Track work to cause major delays. A telephone number to use is (202) 637-7000.



Nationals Pitcher John Lannan, left, and Outfielder Elijah Dukes were among the first team members to contribute to the Nationals charity project "Wall of Dreams."

## Fireworks After Games May 23, June 6, 20, 27

Neighbors and fans can enjoy fireworks on Fridays after games at the Nationals Park. Listed are games all starting at 7:35 pm, so fireworks (win or lose) will be about three hours later.



## Baseball Lingo

If you are relatively new at baseball, a long list of terms used by baseball fans is on the Nationals website [www.washington.nationals.mlb.com](http://www.washington.nationals.mlb.com). (Or you can just enter Nationals in your search box).

On the top row of topics is "Com-

munity." Click on that and then in the left hand row that shows up, click Kids Section. At the bottom of the page you reach is Learn More About Baseball, and Lingo.

Most people know what a homer is and who a southpaw is. Do you know the terms "sweet spot," "Texas Leaguer" and "Uncle Charlie?"

## "Bobbleheads" To Fans June 5

The first 15,000 fans to the evening Nationals vs. Cardinals game on Thurs. June 5 will get Ryan Zimmerman Bobbleheads, courtesy off PNC Bank.

(The list of promotions and giveaways at Nationals games



is on their website [www.washington.nationals.mlb.com](http://www.washington.nationals.mlb.com) on the Schedule page).

Three days later at the afternoon game against the Giants, the first 10,000 kids under 12 will get Kids Gloves, courtesy of Smithfield.

## Nationals Good Neighbors

By Carole G. Early

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's board met with the vice president of the Washington Nationals Baseball Club, Gregory M. McCarthy. The Nationals are truly "a good neighbor." He wanted to learn from the community about issues such as trash, traffic and noise.

He will follow up on community help that the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission had earlier indicated would be available.

SWNA asked whether the Nationals might help with the WIFI system Perry Klein's technical task force is planning,

for the benefit of the public housing area to the west of the ballpark - possibly with antennas on top of the Lerner Bldg and the ballpark.

The possibility of a Southwest Night (reduced admission prices) at the Ballpark was discussed. (I have received confirmation that this WILL happen.)

They intend to meet regularly with SWNA and will be at SWNA's public general meeting at St. Augustine's Church at 7 pm on Mon. May 19<sup>th</sup>. After the meeting, they indicated that they were eager to continue focusing employment recruitment efforts in SW.

## Nationals Push Breast Cancer Awareness

(from a Major League Baseball release)

The Washington Nationals partnered with Susan G. Komen for the Cure to celebrate moms and increase awareness for breast cancer research on Sunday, May 11, 2008, when the team took on the Florida Marlins at 1:35pm.

All players, umpires, coaches, and on-field personnel wore pink wristbands and pink ribbon decals on their uniforms. The pink ribbon logo appeared on all bases and the official dugout lineup cards were pink. The field featured a commemorative home plate that autographed after the game by the entire team.

As part of this MLB initiative, 10 Nationals players, both active and on the disabled list, used pink bats; including

Ronnie Belliard, Aaron Boone, Johnny Estrada, Cristian Guzman, Willie Harris, Nick Johnson, Lastings Milledge, Wily Mo Peña, Dmitri Young and Ryan Zimmerman. Following the game the bats will be autographed and auctioned, along with the commemorative home plate, on [www.MLB.com](http://www.MLB.com) to raise additional funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Fans may purchase specially marked pink bats and special pink Major League Baseball women's caps and T-shirts featuring the Nationals logo and pink ribbon logo on [www.MLB.com](http://www.MLB.com). A portion of the sales of each item will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure by Major League Baseball.

## HS Baseball Classic at Nationals Park

(from DC release)

On Sat., May 31, the District will celebrate the first-ever, city-wide high school baseball championship game, "Congressional Bank Baseball Classic," at the new Nationals Ballpark. Washington Nationals Third Baseman Ryan Zimmerman will join Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and DC Council Chairman Vincent Gray as honorary chairs of the Classic.

The Classic will play four games between area schools. The day's lineup begins with a game between the two top private school teams. That will be followed by the DC Interscholas-

tic Athletic Association (DCIAA) East against the West Division champions, and finally an All-Star game will feature players from across the region. The tournament will end with the DC High School Baseball Classic Championship, where the DCIAA and private/parochial game winners will face off.

The All-Star Game and the championship game will be broadcast live on Comcast SportsNet.

Event proceeds will benefit DCIAA activities, equipment, mentoring programs and the participating schools. In addition, college scouts and coaches will be invited.



## Flea Market June 21

Christ United Methodist Church will run its Flea Market on Saturday, June 21, from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the church's lawn at 4th and I St SW. We invite those who are interested in renting space (bring your own table) to join us. We will charge a fee of \$15.00 per space. We are also looking for donations (tax deductible and a receipt will be provided) these can be brought to the site on the date of the Market (no books or clothing please). For more information please call Alcione Amos at (202) 479-0871 or email at alcionea@aol.com.

## Huge Yard Sale Sat. June 7

The annual 30 family yard sale in the courtyard, breezeways, etc. at the apartment building at 7<sup>th</sup> St. SW between G and I St. SW will be held from 9am to 4 pm, .Sat., June 7 No early birds please.

Antiques, jewelry, collectibles, household items and more. Refreshments.

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## Planting Trees at SW Condo

On Sunday April 20 Carrollsbury Square Condo Association hosted the largest Casey Trees Community tree planting in SW with twenty six trees along N St., Fourth St., M Street, and Delaware Ave. SW. Carrollsbury Square volunteers as well as SW community volunteers, the Earth Conservation Corps, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and all the S.W. Community condo association neighbors, and friends.

Ward 6 has suffered the greatest loss of urban forest out of all of Washington DC due the new construction and National 's stadium. The Casey Trees Community tree planting at Carrollsbury Square will inspire more applications to Casey Trees for request for planting. Casey Trees is a non profit organization dedicated to "retreeing" DC with the only obligation for the applicant is to water the new trees the first two years.



18 members of the Men's Titanic Society toasting the Brave Men who gave their lives so women and children might live. Bartender is on the right.

## Titanic Heroism Observed at SW Monument

The annual gathering of members of the Men's Titanic Society took place Apr. 15. Pictures and captions by Perry Klein.

*Jim Silman, President of the Men's Titanic Society, with Lida Churchville, Mary Ternes and Thelma Jones after the wreath laying at the Titanic Memorial.*



## Lennox String Quartet in SW

The SW Chamber Players presented the Lennox String Quartet and John Turner, tenor, in concert at St. Augustine's Church on May 6. The quartet is Cecilie Jones and Joyce Rizzolo, violins; Robert Huesmann, viola; Jan Timbers, cello.

The Program: included Dover Beach by Samuel Barber and Quartets of Mozart and Shostakovich.



*Lennox  
String  
Quartet  
and John  
Turner.*



# Youth Corner

## Safe Sitters May 31 For Ages 11-13

Applications are being accepted for youth ages 11-13 to attend the SW Youth Activities Task Force all day class Sat., May 31, in SW to learn safe practices for baby sitting. Contact YATF Safe Sitter Instructor Thelma Jones at (202) 488-3746. Fee for the training is underwritten by YATF.

YATF has trained more than three dozen Safe Sitters over the past several years, who will be babysitting for their younger siblings or a neighbor's child while the parent or guardian is at work or away from home.

Through the Safe Sitter training, adolescent girls ages 11-13 role play and practice the skills of caring for children in their charge, behavior management, first aid and safety, and choking and rescue breathing.

In addition, through role playing and

class discussions, adolescents are taught babysitting as a business so that any practice with their siblings or neighbor's children will give them greater experience and confidence, enabling them to be more marketable as a paid Safe Sitter.

The classes will be taught by certified Safe Sitter trainers in the River Park South Common Room at 1311 Delaware Ave. SW.

A continental breakfast and lunch is provided for the full day training. In addition, each participant is required to pass a test which helps to ensure that the student has mastered the skills of an effective Safe Sitter.

YATF is one of only two registered Safe Sitter sites in the Nation's Capital, including being the only registered site for several years.

## Opera for Kids at SW Library

Artists from Washington Opera will perform an hour of the opera "Hansel & Gretel" in the children's section upstairs at the SW Branch Library Thurs. May 29 at 10:30 am. The full opera was performed at the historic Lincoln Theatre on U St. NW earlier this year.

Jane Ndaka, children's librarian at SW Library can be reached at 724-4691.

## Corcoran in Southwest Has Webpage

An excellent rendering and description of the Corcoran Gallery of Arts development of the historic Randall School property at Delaware Ave. SW & I (Eye) St. SW is now on the project's own webpage [www.corcoran.edu/randall](http://www.corcoran.edu/randall). The school's release states:

Corcoran's new Randall School webpage now online The Corcoran has launched a new webpage at [www.corcoran.edu/randall](http://www.corcoran.edu/randall), a resource for informa-

tion and updates about its Randall School project in the southwest D.C. community. Projected to welcome its first students in the fall of 2011, this new campus of the Corcoran College of Art + Design will house undergraduate classroom and studio space for many of the equipment-intensive subject areas, such as sculpture and ceramics, as well as student exhibition space.

## Southwest College Student Grants

Application forms are available at the desk of the Southwest Library at K St. SW and Wesley Pl SW for SW students from zip code 20024 entering or returning to college next fall to apply for small grants from the SW Scholarship Fund. Deadline to pick up application is May 31, and turning in transcript is June 16.

## Sassy Seniors

At KGL Rec N & First St. SW - Kim Campbell 645-7454

Mon. May Grandparents Support Group 11am

Wed. May 21 Basic Home Repair - Leaky Faucets - 11 am

Fri. June 5 Senior Picnic at Kenilworth Park - 11 am

Wed. June 11 Basic Home Repair - Wall Repair - 11 am

## Capitol Hill Art League Art Show

The Capitol Hill Art League (CHAL), which is affiliated with the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW), has opened its newest show, **As Time Goes By**, at CHAW, 545 7<sup>th</sup> Street SE. The show continues through June 6th. The juror for the show is Jack Dillinger.

Admission to **As Time Goes By** is free. For more information about the opening, click on [www.chaw.org](http://www.chaw.org) or call: 202-547-6839.



Club No. 4 Vikings, age 12 and under baseball team.

## Club #4 Baseball Teams



Club No. 4 Vikings, age 10 and under baseball team.

## Fundraiser For Camp, June 13

(from release from MPD)

The fifth annual Joseph K. Smith Memorial Summer Camp Fund Dinner which will take place on Friday, June 13, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., at the Washington Navy Yard, 6<sup>th</sup> & M Streets, SE, Washington, D.C.

This is your chance to help children escape the stress of inner-city living for one week during the summer to experience camp in the country. For some of these children, it is their first experience outside of the city.

Last year's fundraising dinner yielded enough support for us to sponsor more

than 70 youth at Camp Brown. With your help this year, we hope that we will be able to increase the amount raised and double the number of youth for the Summer of 2008. As you know, the Ernest W. Brown Summer Camp is sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs - a component of the Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Washington Area.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40.00 each, or \$400.00 for a table of ten.

For more information, please contact Mr. George W. Fenderson, Chairperson, at 202 Varnum Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011-7321, or at (202) 291-6727.

## Teen Summit June 7

We will be having weekly meetings on Tuesdays at the King Greenleaf Recreation Center from 4:45pm to 6:00pm. until the date of the event, which is Saturday June 7th.



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CROP Walkers in SW gathered at Christ United Methodist Church before starting the three mile walk to the new ballpark and through SW, ending at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

## SW CROP Walk Raised \$10,000

(from a release)

"More than 50 people....participated in the Apr. 26 CRROP Hunger Walk... and raised a total of \$10,000..." for international relief and local food programs.

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## SEU Shows Off New Wing

(From an SEU release)

The renovation of one of its north academic wings at 501 I St. at 6<sup>th</sup> St. in Southwest Washington, DC, includes four of the largest second floor classrooms and three breakout spaces. The classrooms feature interactive Smartboard™ technology. The touch-sensitive whiteboard allows control of computer applications from the display, writing notes in digital ink, and saving work to share later.

The renovations incorporate modern, leading-edge design elements as the standard for best-practices in the educational community. Classes commenced in the new rooms at the beginning of the spring quadmester on March 24.

The classrooms feature interactive Smartboard™ technology.

The touch-sensitive whiteboard allows control of computer applications from the display, writing notes in digital ink, and saving work to share later.

Not only does the current renovation of four of the largest classrooms and three break-out spaces incorporate the latest in technology, but it includes sustainable concepts, materials and products leading to a healthier environment and lower energy costs for Southeastern, according to SEU President Charlene Drew Jarvis.

Specific sustainable features of the



Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, left, attended a preview to the open house. She is with SEU President Charlene Drew Jarvis.

renovated space include the reuse of the existing building structure, double pane insulated window glazing, high radiant heat roof, more access to natural light, new recyclable carpets and backing, recyclable acoustical ceiling system, lounge furniture made from sustainable wood products with water based adhesives and wood stains yielding less Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) gasses, high light reflectance ceilings, low odor/VOC paint on metal and gypsum surfaces, a high efficient heating and cooling system, energy efficient long life fluorescent lamps with occupancy and time-out sensors, and water efficient toilets and urinals.

### Do You Have a Computer or Monitor You're No Longer Using?

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Technology Task Force continues to seek surplus PC computers and monitors for refurbishing and giving to needy families in SW DC. We're especially looking for computers less than six years old so that we can put Windows 2000 or XP on them. Contact Perry Klein at 488-7430 or by e-mail at [pk@ieee.org](mailto:pk@ieee.org) to arrange a pickup. Donations to programs of SWNA are tax-deductible.

## Crackdown on Advertising Cards

(from a release from DC Council  
Member Tommy Wells)

You should not be seeing the same cards on the street any longer as there was a consent decree entered into by the District and the company sponsoring the event space that the cards were promoting, not to distribute any flyers anywhere in the District in the future.

This came about as a result of Councilmember Wells' office working with Office of Attorney General which prompted OAG to file suit in DC Superior Court under DC v. Eric Hudson, Wayne Mason & CD#15 CL2001, Inc. seeking a temporary restraining order to stop distribution of the offending flyers. The case is scheduled for an initial status conference on May 23, 2008.

## DC Launches "One Card" ID

(A release from DC)

The DC's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), in collaboration with the Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and DC Public Libraries (DCPL), have launched the DC government "One Card." The new picture ID is a consolidated credential designed to give adults and children access to all the DC government facilities and programs they need to use.

Today, the One Card grants borrowing privileges at DC libraries and provides

access to recreation centers throughout the city. Eventually the One Card will also become a student ID and an access card for all DC government buildings and programs.

Beginning in June, participants in the Summer Youth program will receive One Cards. Later in the year, students in DC public schools will get One Cards to serve as student IDs. Eventually, One Cards will include Metro access capabilities as well.



# Space Day at The National Air and Space Museum in Southwest



*Art Feller, Frank Bauer, Perry Klein setting up-exhibit.*



*Bob Bruninga, Adam Kemp and three of his students from Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology in Va.*



*Students talking with ISS astronauts.*

Visitors of all ages were invited for a galactic adventure at the National Air and Space Museum's annual Space Day Saturday, May 3, celebrating NASA's 50th anniversary this year. Space Day featured a busy schedule of astronaut appearances; live performances by the award-winning a cappella group The Chromatics; an interactive space quiz; LEGO displays of real and imagined space vehicles by WAMALUG (Washington Metro Area Users Group), NASA and National Air and Space Museum scientists; and tours and stories for children. Among the day's highlights was a live contact via amateur radio with the International Space Station at 11:30 a.m. Astronaut Garrett Reisman was available to answer students' and young visitors' questions for an hour.

Organizations offering activity stations at the museum include NASA, the Northern Virginia Association of Rocketry, Team America Rocketry, AMSAT-Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation [of which Southwest's Perry Klein is a vice president] and Washington Metro Area Users Group.

The National Air and Space Museum building on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is located at Sixth Street and Independence Avenue S.W. The museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is located in Chantilly, Va., near Washington Dulles International Airport. Both facilities are open daily from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (Closed Dec. 25) Admission is free, but there is a \$12 fee for parking at the Udvar-Hazy Center.



*School girls listening to ISS communications.*

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# WASA Hearing Wednesday May 28, at 6:30 pm in S.W. Library, K St. SW near 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW

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ous surface area is used as the basis for this charge since it is a major contributor to rainwater runoff entering the District's sewer system. An impervious surface is a man-made surface that cannot be easily penetrated by water such as rooftops, driveways, patios, parking lots and other paved areas, tennis courts, swimming

pools, and any path or walkway that is covered by impervious material.

## 2. Why is the impervious surface area charge necessary?

The charge is necessary to recover the costs of the \$2.2 billion federally-mandated Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plan (CSO LTCP). The 20-year CSO LTCP will reduce the dis-

charge of excess flows into local waterways from the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) combined sewer system. Combined sewer systems were constructed around the turn of the 19th century to carry sanitary sewage and rainwater runoff in the same pipe.

## 3. Why did WASA decide to allocate the costs of the CSO LTCP in this manner?

The cost of combined sewer overflow control has been part of the sewer rate, which is based on the metered amount of water usage. The WASA Board of Directors determined that the impervious surface area charge is a more equitable basis to recover the costs of the CSO LTCP than the volumetric charge, since the charge is based on a property's contribution to rainwater runoff.

## 4. Why has WASA decided to bill for this charge now?

The CSO LTCP program is currently underway and the impervious surface area charge is designed to cover program costs.

## 5. How is the amount of the charge determined?

The charge is based upon an Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). An ERU is defined as the amount of impervious surface area measured in square feet based on a statistical median for a single family residential property. Initially, all residential customers will be assessed one (1) ERU. All non-residential customers shall be assessed ERUs based upon the total amount of impervious surface on each lot. This total amount of impervious surface will be converted into ERUs.

## 6. Who sets the impervious surface area charge?

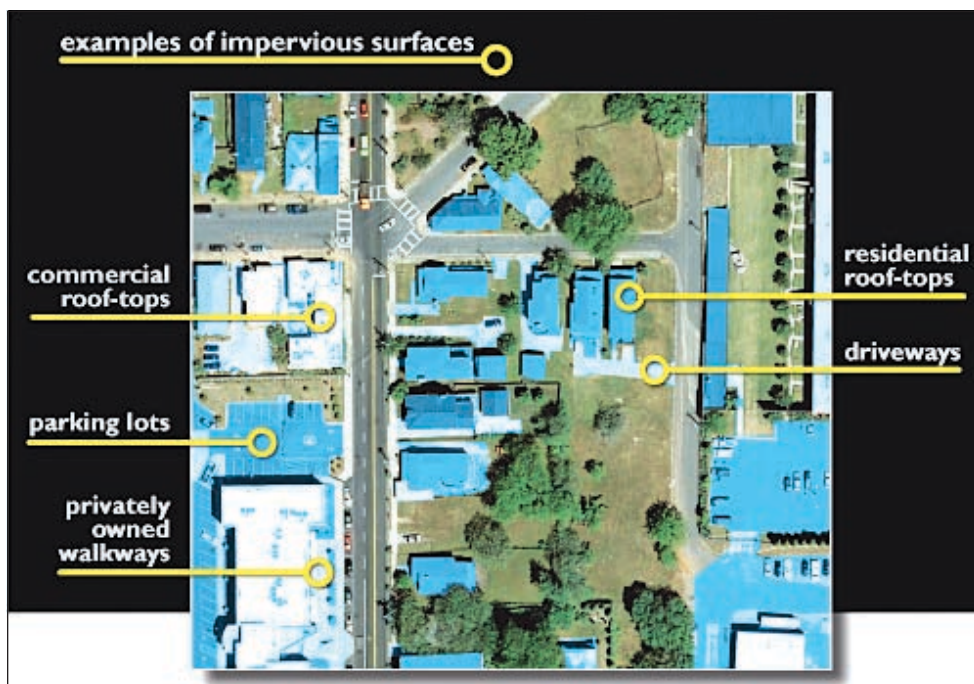
The WASA Board of Directors sets the impervious surface area charge. In FY 2009, each ERU will be billed at \$1.24 a month.

## 7. Is the impervious surface area charge a one-time fee?

No. WASA customers will see this charge on their monthly bill beginning April, 2009.

## 8. Do other cities have an impervious surface area charge?

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